

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 12-CA-4135-16-W

PAUL N. SCHAEFER,

Plaintiff,

v.

DIANE GERRISH

a/k/a ANONIMUS PLATYPUS.

Defendant.

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ORDER GRANTING SECOND TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

This action was heard on plaintiff's motion for a temporary injunction. The court finds:

Plaintiff, PAUL N. SCHAEFER, is a practicing attorney who has been a member of the Florida Bar for over 30 years whose office and residence is in Seminole County, Florida. During these years Plaintiff enjoyed an excellent reputation as an attorney and a private citizen.

On or about August 29, 2012, Defendant, DIANE GERRISH, in direct violation of the August 16, 2012 Order Granting Temporary Injunction, maliciously with intent to injure and defame Plaintiff; to cause damage to Plaintiff's reputation and standing in the community; to deprive Plaintiff of the respect, confidence, and esteem peculiarly essential to Plaintiff's profession; with the intent to deprive Plaintiff of his good name, reputation, and the esteem of his clients and potential clients; to bring Plaintiff into scandal, ridicule, and professional disrepute before his clients, potential clients, professional associates, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and the public in general; to hold Plaintiff up to public scorn, contempt, ridicule, and disgrace and/or to attempt to interfere with and deprive Plaintiff of his business as an attorney heretofore, with actual malice, falsely and wrongfully published on the internet an article concerning Plaintiff at the internet site, RIPOFF REPORT under the title:

"Paul N. Schaefer Paul N. Schaefer of Longwood Florida attorney Feels he is immune from being reported in a negative light, over the internet, when he doesn't provide a good service! Boo Hoo! Longwood, Florida"

the following malicious, false, scandalous and defamatory libel which is attached as Exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

All of the statements contained in said internet article are false and defamatory, and were either knowingly false or were made by Defendant without reasonable care as to whether they were true or false. Said statements were not statements of pure opinion, were not privileged or any applicable privilege was abused, and have caused actual economic and reputation damage to Plaintiff including subjecting Plaintiff to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt and disgrace in the community, in Plaintiff's profession as an attorney and interfering with Plaintiff's business relationship with his clients and potential clients.

Each of the defamatory statements made by the Defendant constitute defamation per se, thus establishing an absolute presumption of law of both malice and damage. Defendant's publication on the internet was an intentional unjustified interference with the business relationships between Plaintiff and his clients and potential clients.

Plaintiff enjoyed an excellent outlook for future potential legal business and was assured a substantial income but for the wrongful acts on the part of the Defendant, and these acts have and will cause great damage to his reputation and financial health and a great loss of past, present and/or future profits. Defendant's published statements about Plaintiff on the internet placed Plaintiff in a false light before the public, in a manner and of a nature that would be highly offensive to a reasonable person and would cause that person from entering into a business relationship with Plaintiff and not hire Plaintiff to do legal work for them or would cause a person in a business relationship with Plaintiff to cease that relationship.

Unless restrained, Defendant will continue to interfere with the Plaintiff's legal business.

Immediate and irreparable injury, loss, and damage will result to Plaintiff by the action of the Defendant. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

Upon the granting of this preliminary injunction, the injury, if any, to Defendant if a final judgment is entered in her favor will be inconsiderable.

On the basis of the foregoing findings, it is

ADJUDGED that until further order of this court, Defendant, DIANE GERRISH her agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all persons in active concert and participation with her or any other internet company is ordered to immediately remove the August 29, 2012 defamatory internet article attached hereto as Exhibit A and to cease communicating, publishing or in any way disseminating either orally or in writing any further statements, articles or any other means of communication about Plaintiff, PAUL N. SCHAEFER.

RIPOFF REPORT is ordered to immediately remove the above described defamatory August 29, 2012 internet article attached hereto as Exhibit A and to cease publishing any further articles about Plaintiff, PAUL N. SCHAEFER.

ORDERED at Sanford, Florida, on November 19 2012, 2012.

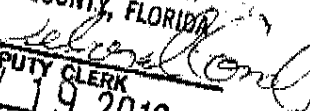
  
Circuit Judge

Copies furnished to:

RIPOFF REPORT

PAUL N. SCHAEFER

DIANE GERRISH

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